

**Testimony in support of LD 1922  
to the Committee on Health and Human Services**

January 24, 2026

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Sarah Johnson and I am a resident of Sanford.

I am writing in support of LD 1922, An Act to Support Workforce Development for Families That Were Involved in Child Protective Activities by Requiring the Sealing of Certain Records.

LD1922 is careful to protect public safety by sealing records that were unsubstantiated or present no safety risk.

This bill will remove barriers to employment, education, and enhance opportunity and stability. Public access to CPS records has the same harsh impact on people that criminal record access does. Sealing records from the public but not government entities supports equity and opportunity particularly to disadvantaged families who are more likely to have been involved in CPS. Just knowing that these records can be accessed may deter someone from seeking an opportunity that they are qualified for and deserve. This limitation will create both physical and mental health issues over time, and is simply unjust. It also harms our economy by keeping much needed human resources out of our workforce, and unable to support their families without the help of public services.

This bill is an investment in Maine's workforce and economy by supporting people. Parents, caregivers, and community members who want to support their children, contribute to their communities, and participate fully in Maine's workforce. LD1922 is a good public health policy.

I hope you will support LD 1922.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sarah Johnson, Sanford